

Town of Dracut
Senior Property Tax Work Off Program
2015 Guidelines

A program where Dracut seniors can work in a town department to earn up to a \$500 tax credit toward their 2016 property tax bill at a rate of \$9/hour (55.5 hours total).

Program Eligibility:

- Be 60 years or older
- Be a homeowner or current spouse of homeowner
- Reside in the Town of Dracut
- Occupy the property for which the property taxes are paid
- Be retired and not working as of January 1, 2014
- Not be receiving any other abatement or exemption from the Town of Dracut
- Total income cannot exceed 2014 MA Circuit Breaker Credit income levels
 - \$55,000 for a single individual who is not head of household
 - \$69,000 for a head of household
 - \$82,000 for married couples filing jointly

Application:

- A maximum of 50 seniors can participate in this program annually
- Applications are accepted beginning in December 2014
- To apply fill out the Senior Property Tax Work Off Application (reverse of this page)
- Submit application to the Dracut Senior Center
 - Include a copy of your most recent property tax bill
 - Include a copy of your 2013 Federal Tax Return (the first 2 pages of your 1040)
 - If you do not have your tax return or do not file one please fill out a 4506T available at the Senior Center. This form is then faxed to the IRS for verification
- Applications are accepted until December 31st, 2014
 - If 49 seniors or less apply and are deemed eligible, applications will then continue to be accepted until all slots are filled
 - If 51 or more seniors apply and are deemed eligible, a lottery system will be used to fill the 50 slots. If any seniors selected drop out of the program, the seniors not selected will be entered into a lottery again to fill that open slot

Placement & Hours Completion:

- Once you have been deemed eligible, and selected if there is a lottery, the COA director will work with you to match you with an open position within a town department
- You must then complete your 55.5 hours by **October 31st, 2015** in order to receive the full \$500 of your 2016 property tax bill
 - The town employee you have been reporting to will sign off on your hours and you will then return this form to the Senior Center on or before 10/31/15
- Work Off participants need to fill out the application and submit required documents annually

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Name of Applicant: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you retired and not working as of January 1st, 2014? Yes No

Are you at least 60 years old? Yes No

Are you the home owner (or spouse) for which this credit is being sought? Yes No

Do you reside in this home? Yes No

Do you pay property taxes? Yes No

Are you receiving any other abatement for this property? Yes No

Property Tax Work Off positions are available in multiple town departments. Applicants are placed based on department needs and the applicant's qualifications/skills/interests.

Have you participated in the Work Off Program before? Yes No

If yes, please list the town department(s): _____

Please describe your past work/volunteer experience, skills, interests, and/or hobbies:

Please list the town department(s) you would prefer: _____

_____ Include a copy of your 2013 tax return (or fill out a 4506T to be submitted to the IRS)

_____ Include a copy of your most recent Town of Dracut property tax return

I understand that I may earn up to a maximum credit of \$500 to be applied to my 2016 Town of Dracut property tax bill at a rate of \$9 and hour.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Determined Income Eligible: _____ Yes _____ No Date: _____

Placed with _____ Date: _____

Completed Hours _____ Date: _____